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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 10-15-51

WEATHER Warm, dry and sunny weather prevailed during the week, except for light to moderate rains over the northern and central portions of the State Saturday and Saturday night. Several days were rather windy.

CROPS The week ending Saturday was highly favorable for drying out corn under the warm sunshine and windy weather. More immature corn was placed in silos last week. Some corn has been husked for immediate feeding. Merrick county reported some new corn had been shelled, testing 26% moisture that sold for \$1.10 a bushel. Opinion on the amount of damage from frost varies, the extent of which may not be fully known until November 1.

Reports with no exception on winter wheat are excellent. The crop is making splendid growth. A little was sown last week in extreme southeastern Nebraska, where packed and cloddy soil conditions prevented earlier seeding. The snow that fell in the Panhandle October 5 was excellent for wheat. Seldom, if ever, have soil moisture conditions been more favorable and conducive to heavy growth.

The harvest of sorghum for forage continues. Sorghum for grain was damaged badly by the early frost. Reports indicate that some soybeans were damaged but generally the crop had matured before frost.

Range in the Sandhills has cured since the frost and the quality is better. Tame grass pastures are still very good. The outlook for fall wheat pasture is excellent. Some of it is already being pastured in southwestern Nebraska.

The sugar beet harvest began early last week in western Nebraska and by the close of the week in central Nebraska. So far, it appears that the crop is a little better than expected. The harvest of late commercial potatoes is well along and nearing completion in some areas. Yields are below earlier expectations. The harvest of dry edible beans is over except some of the late beans damaged by frost. The crop is one of the poorest of record.

The harvest of seed crops continues but generally with poor yields and some of it so poor that it is being cut for hay. The early reports on alfalfa seed and red clover seed place the outlook around one-half of last year's production and sweet clover less than one-third of last year's production. Nationally, the alfalfa seed crop is only slightly lower than last year, while sweet clover is about 60% of last year and red clover about two-thirds of last year's production.

The yield of honey averaged 75 pounds per colony against 90 pounds last year and the production is down 19%. The national honey crop is 7% greater than last year.

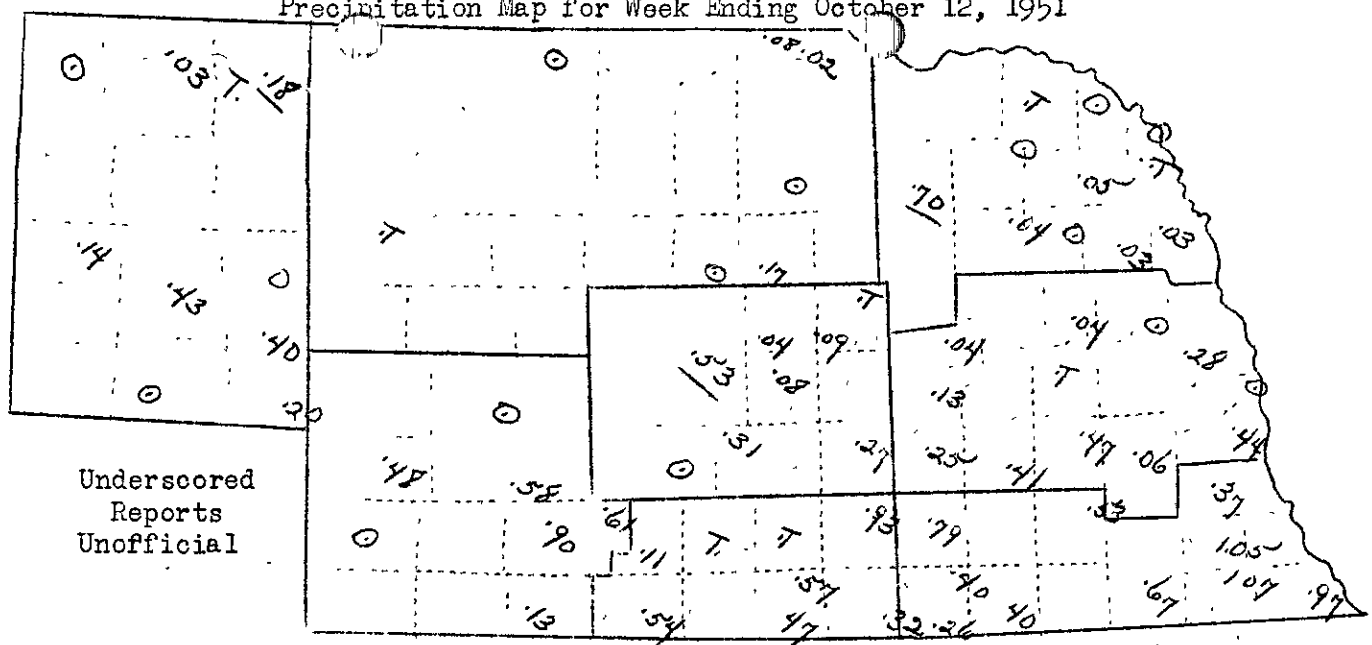
LIVESTOCK Generally, there is a demand for feeder cattle to consume soft corn, but there is considerable reluctance to buy feeder cattle because of the high price. There is also a good demand for lambs. Nationally, the developments of cattle and lamb feeding up to October 1 indicate as large or larger feeding operations than last year. The corn crop is below that of last year and feeding quality less. Hay and forage is plentiful but the quality is below average. Range is plentiful and has cured since the frost. Tame grass pastures are still very good and the outlook for fall wheat pasture is excellent.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCT. 15, 1951

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .07	Burwell .17	Chadron .08
Lincoln .01	North Platte .23	Imperial .14
Norfolk .37	Valentine .53	Scottsbluff .06
Omaha 0		Sidney 0
Sioux City .03		

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# Precipitation Map for Week Ending October 12, 1951



## HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (for 24 hours ending in a.m.)

		OCTOBER													
		9th		10th		11th		12th		13th		14th		15th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	70	36	79	40	79	35	79	58	76	49	62	33	70	51
	Scottsbluff	71	41	77	41	80	--	78	49	71	47	62	37	69	38
	Sidney	68	41	75	42	76	38	74	42	78	46	60	45	66	33
N-C	Burwell	--	--	73	37	82	39	76	42	75	56	68	43	73	40
	Valentine	69	36	75	41	79	39	73	45	78	52	59	40	70	52
NE	Norfolk	65	39	72	40	78	43	77	47	76	60	69	52	73	45
	Sioux City	64	40	74	42	77	44	76	50	78	60	72	55	72	43
CEN.	Grand Island	--	41	73	39	77	43	78	50	75	58	70	45	74	45
	Lexington	69	33	74	37	80	38	71	43	75	59	71	36	71	40
E-C	Lincoln	63	44	72	45	76	48	77	53	76	62	74	50	76	50
	Omaha	63	44	73	45	77	50	77	54	77	61	75	56	76	46
SW	Imperial	68	41	--	--	80	41	79	43	75	51	63	38	68	41
	North Platte	70	37	--	--	83	41	78	43	74	55	65	36	70	44

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